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SUBJ: ESCAP TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. ESCAP SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US THEY MAY BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE TWO TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PHILIPPINES, IF THE NECESSARY EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS (FROM OTHER SOURCES) ARE MADE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO PROPOSED SEMINAR-CUM WORKSHOP IN BANGLADESH. THIS WORKSHOP DEVOTED TO "RURAL ROADS AND RURAL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MANPOWER ORIENTED ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF INDIGENOUS EQUIPMENT" AND IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1978.

2. ANOTHER SEMINAR ON THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF FEEDER ROADS AND RURAL TRANSPORT IS TO BE HELD IN THE USSR IN 1979, PRECISE DATE NOT YET DETERMINED.

3. THE PROSPECT OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING IS DIFFICULT SINCE MOST ESCAP PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK NATURALLY BECOMES ADVISORY IN NATURE IN THE FIELD. THE TWO PHILIPPINE CANDIDATES MAY FIND DIFFICULTIES IN KEEPING PACE WITH THE WORK OF EXPERTS HERE UNLESS THEY HAVE VAST UNCLASSIFIED

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FIELD EXPERIENCE. THE TWO SEMINARS ABOVE ARE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED.

4. ESCAP HAS VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS I.E. IBRD, UNDP, FAO, ILO ETC. TO LEARN WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY PROJECT DEALING WITH RURAL TRANSPORT ASPECTS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR TRAINING THE TWO

PHILIPPINE CANDIDATES. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH ESCAP
TO PURSUE THIS SUGGESTION.

5. ESCAP WILL INFORM US ONCE THE FUNDS ARE ASSURE FOR THE
SEMINAR IN BANGLADESH AND THE DATE SET. ABRAMOWITZ

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